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For:	METHOD FOR THE OPERATION OF AN ELEVATOR INSTALLATION	)	

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#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

#### Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.97 and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, record is hereby made of published prior art which the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

#### U.S. Patent Documents - No., Date, Name

4,401,192 Aug. 30, 1983 Trosky et al. 6,325,179 Dec. 4, 2001 Barreiro et al.

#### Foreign Patent Documents - No., Date, Country

0 838 424 Apr. 29, 1998 European

1 125 881 Aug. 22, 2001 European

3297764 Dec. 27, 1991 Japan

7323974 Dec. 12, 1995 Japan

### Publications - Author, Title, Date, Pages, Place

None

The above-mentioned references were cited in an Examination Report performed by the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand with respect to a New Zealand application that claims priority to the same European application as the present case. A copy of the Report is enclosed.

A copy of each of the foreign references is enclosed herewith along with Form PTO-1449. It is requested that each of the references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patent Application No: 531464 In the Name of: INVENTIO AG

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# **Examination Report**

Thank you for your application filed on 1 March 2004.

- Examination has been performed on the specification as filed and your letter dated 1 March 2004.
- 2. It appears that the nationality of the inventor is missing from the Declaration of Inventorship, which is incorporated into the Application Form.
- A translation of the priority document(s) should be filed within 3 months of the filling date of this application under Regulation 25(2).

#### 4. Section 10(4):

- 4.1. Claim 1: It is not clear how the method of obtaining and then comparing a desired performance and the actual performance of a lift for an operating parameter relates to a method for the operation of a lift installation. Once the desired performance and the actual performance have been compared how are they used to effect the operation of the lift installation.
- 4.2. Claim 3: It is not clear if a user mentioned in claim 3 is the same as the passenger mentioned in claim 3. Please clarify.
- 4.3. Claim 16: Claims that place the onus on the reader to determine the scope of the claim are not considered acceptable.

#### 5. Section 2:

5.1. Claims 9 to 11 and 14 claim a protocol, which appears to be no more than an operating parameter for achieving the target performance of a lift and the desired performance corresponding to that operating parameter. An protocol is not a new manner of manufacture as it is considered to be intellectual information which irrespective of the form of storage or presentation of that information such as on a printed sheet, electronic display, or computer storage, is not patentable subject matter as it is a mere presentation of information.

5.2. Claim 12, 13 and 15 claim a guaranteed value, which appears to be no more than a number or value. A guaranteed value is not a new manner of manufacture as it is considered to be intellectual information which irrespective of the form of storage or presentation of that information such as on a printed sheet, electronic display, or computer storage, is not patentable subject matter as it is a mere presentation of information.

6. Section 13:

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As a result of investigation under Section 13, it appears the invention as claimed in at least claim 1 has been prior published in:

- 6.1. EP 838424 Pepin (accession date 7 May 1998);
- 6.2. U\$ 4401192 Trosky (accession date 25 January 2002);
- 6.3. EP 1125881 Hikita (accession date 30 August 2001);
- 6.4. US 6325179 Huang (accession date 4 October 2002);
- 6.5. JP 3297764 Yoneda abstract only (accession date 15 August 1995) and
- 5.6. JP 7323974 Oka abstract only (accession date 22 May 1996).

The time for completion of all matters expires on 1 June 2005. An extension of time of up to three months may be requested under section 19(2).

If you have any questions please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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